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ECDA HOSTING BUSINESS WORKSHOP SERIES

KANKAKEE, IL (February 1, 2023) – The Economic and Community Development Agency is hosting a series of business workshops throughout 2023. Each workshop will take place at 5pm on the first Tuesday of each month from February through October. Workshops will be held on the ECDA Conference Room located at 200 E Court Street in Kankakee and alternate between being offered in English and Spanish.

Topics:

February – Small Business Taxes in English

March – Small Business Taxes in Spanish

April – Kankakee County Health Department Food Services in English

May – Kankakee County Health Department Food Services in Spanish

June – Accessing Resources in English

August - Accessing Resources in Spanish

September – Creating a Business Plan in English

October – Creating a Business Plan in Spanish

“Often time businesses forget to plan for the regulatory responsibilities of starting a business.” States ECDA Executive Director Brewer-Watson. “This ends up slowing them down or costing them more money. ECDA is hosting these workshops to better help businesses navigate our processes and get them to their celebratory grand opening day as best we can.”

The first workshop in this ongoing series is Tuesday, February 7th.

“ECDA will be offering light refreshments and a networking opportunity from 5-5:30pm. before the presentation begins.” advises Leo Jaramillo, ECDA Economic Development Navigator. “There is value in meeting other professionals and entrepreneurs who are experiencing the same challenges in starting a business. It is our goal to help these individuals make connections with one another and with the City of Kankakee.”

The Economic and Community Development Agency has partnered with Fierce Financial Planning Service Inc to present and discuss common topics surrounding small business taxes. These topics include how and when to properly file business taxes, the different types of business taxes, and the filing types based on your business structure.

"Every new business owner should always have a consultation with an accountant for financial and tax implications as well as an attorney for the legal implications relative to opening and running a business." says Teresa Jones who has 20 plus years of accounting and financial planning as the owner of Fierce Financial Planning Services Inc. "This workshop will answer your questions on all things business taxes and starting your business off the correct way. I look forward to seeing you all there."

To reserve a seat at this workshop or any future workshop, community members can call 815-933-0506 or email yourvoice@citykankakee-il.gov.

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About the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA):

The Kankakee Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) is a local government agency whose mission is to improve the lives of Kankakee residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing, economic development and community development. The ECDA administers programs that serve the neighborhoods and residents of the City of Kankakee provided by federal, state and local funding. For more information, contact ECDA at 815-933-0506, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our website at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/>.

About the City of Kankakee, Illinois:

The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.